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This application is abandoned in view of:		,				
1. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office	o letter mailed on 20 February 2008					
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 2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85). (a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated 						
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